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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:

14 pg Brief on Appeal in triplicate; 1 pg Petition for Extension of Time; check \$110.00; check \$330.00; and Postcard.

2. With respect to fees:

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3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Respectfully submitted,

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